

Note on a specimen of *Prosymna sundevalli*
(*Smith*).

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A specimen of *Prosymna sundevalli* (*Smith*) received on 28th February, 1908, from Pretoria calls for a few remarks.

The specimen is 32 cm. long, of which three belong to the tail; the proportion of the tail to the body is thus smaller than that of the specimen recorded by Boulenger Cat. of Snakes, Vol. II., p. 248. The coloration is also remarkable, differing from the normal. The upper surface is a bright chestnut brown, each scale edged with darker, the vertebral row being bright yellow; several of the scales have white spots, the outer row is almost all white, the second row being white with a brown spot at the base of each scale.

The frontal and parietals are brighter chestnut than the rest of the body, a dark band runs from eye to eye in front of the frontal. There is no trace of the two rows of brown spots along each side of the back.

The scales of the head differ in following points from the normal; the frontal is only just as long as the parietals, and there are only six upper labials instead of seven or eight.

Ventrals 161, Anal 1, Sub-caudals 25.

The other two specimens of *P. sundevalli* (*Smith*) in the Museum (taken at Krabbefontein, Zoutpansberg) are normal in coloration and in the proportion of the frontal to the parietals, but vary in the same way with regard to the labials, having but six.
